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1. OVERALL AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC TO AND FROM BERLIN DECLINED AGAIN THIS YEAR, BUT CHARTER TRAFFIC AGAIN SHOWED AN INCREASE. SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC DECLINED 9.6 PERCENT FROM 3.6 MILLION TO 3.3 MILLION, WHEREAS CHARTER TRAFFIC INCRASED FROM JUST OVER 600,000 TO 664,000. TOTAL TRAFFIC AMOUNTED TO JUST UNDER FOUR MILLION FOR 1975 AS COMPARED WITH 4.25 MILLION IN 1974. CUMULATIVE DECREASE WAS 6.9 PERCENT.

2. BRITISH AIRWAYS AND PAN AM RECENTLY COMPLETED A PASSENGER ANALYSIS OF THEIR SCHEDULED SERVICE FOR BERLIN ROUTES DURING 1975. THIS ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT NUMBER OF BUSINESS TRIPS HAS BEEN INCREASING STEADILY THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE TRAVELERS HAS BEEN DECREASING DRASTICALLY. PRIVAT RAVEL HAS DECREASEDMUCH THAT IT HAS HAD AN OVERALL DOWNWARD IMPACT ON PASSENGER STATISTICS. THIS DECLINE IN SHCEDULED TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY VACATION TRAVELERS, PROBABLY REFLECTS BOTH THE SHORT TERM BUSINESS EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION WHICH
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HAS AFFLICTED BERLIN THROUGHOUT 1975 AS WELL

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AS A CONTINUATION OF LONGER TERM TREND IN FAVOR OF SURFACE TRAVEL BETWEEN BERLIN AND FRG. BA-PA REPORT DID NOTE THAT PROPORTION OF PRIVATE TRAVELERS USING AIR SERVICES BETWEEN BERLIN AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC REMAINED HIGHER THAN NUMBER USING AIR SERVICES WITHIN FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

3. BA-PA ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT DURING 1972 56 PERCENT OF AIR PASSENGERS WERE PRIVATE TRAVELERS AND 44 PERCENT WERE BUSINESS OR OFFICIAL TRAVELERS, WHEREAS IN 1975 42 PERCENT WERE PRIVATE TRAVELERS AND 56 PERCENT WERE BUSINESS/OFFICIAL TRAVELERS.

4. OVERALL ANALYSIS OF ALL MODES OF TRAFFIC BETWEEN BERLIN AND FRG MUST AWAIT AVAILABILITY OF DETAILED DATA ON SURFACE MODES.
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